# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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SARVAPRIYA YOJANA
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) the names of States where Sarvapriya Yojana is being implemented;

(b) the main features of this scheme;

(c) whether the Government propose to extend the 'Sarvapriya Yojana' in the other States of the country also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a) & (b): The Government of India had launched a scheme entitled'Sarvapriya' in July, 2000. The scheme envisages distribution of eleven selected commodities of daily use, namely Arhar Dal, Gram Dal, Masoor Dal, UradWhole, Salt, Tea, Toilet Soap, Detergent Cake, Exercise Notebooks, Edible Oil,and Toothpaste, to be distributed to the consumers through the existing PDS retails outlets and the retail outlets of the State Consumers' Cooperative Federations, State Civil Supplies Corporations, and the Consumer Cooperative Societies in the States. The scheme is a voluntary and involves no subsidy. Initially, the States of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Tripura and Pondicherry participated in the scheme. At present, only the three States of Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh are operating the scheme.

(c) & (d): The Hon. Union Minister, CAFPD had writtena D.O. letter on 26.12.2002 addressed to the Chief Ministers of theStates and the Lieutenant Governors of Union Territories requesting them to avail of this Scheme.They have also been requested to dovetail the State Schemes, for utilizing the facilities provided under the Sarvapriya Scheme, wherever possible. The NCCF has agreed to include more items of common use to the eleven items mentioned, provided the State Governments/State Agencies agree to place orders for adequate volume.